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Dear Sir:

Reply Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

This letter is a reply to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. A request for a two (2) month extension of time and appropriate fee are filed herewith. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.